



**2008 Fall Planning and Zoning Conference
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The Mountain Club on Loon
Lincoln, NH**

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Erica Anderson, Senior Planner - Lakes Region Planning Commission, Meredith

As Senior Planner at the Lakes Region Planning Commission, Ms. Anderson's concentration is in environmental, emergency management, and land use planning. She currently manages projects including hazard mitigation and emergency operations planning, regional environmental planning, and watershed planning. Ms. Anderson received her Masters from Virginia Tech and Bachelors from Colorado State University.

Stephen C. Buckley, Esq. – Hage Hodes PA, Manchester

A partner with the Manchester firm Hage & Hodes, PA, Attorney Buckley has been practicing New Hampshire Municipal law for 23 years, with a special emphasis on zoning and planning. From 1992 until 2005 Attorney Buckley was a member of the Planning Board in the Town of Bow. He presently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. Attorney Buckley is also Chairman of the New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions.

Cynthia Copeland, AICP - Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Dover

Cynthia Copeland has been the Executive Director of Strafford Regional Planning Commission since 1999. She is on the Board of Directors for the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast and for COAST public transit. She serves on the Executive Committee of the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions. Ms. Copeland is a Certified Planner and member of the NNE chapter of APA and the NH Planners Association. She received a Masters in Natural Resources and Public Administration.

Benjamin Frost, AICP, Director of Public Affairs – New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, Bedford

As the Director of Public Affairs at New Hampshire Housing, Mr. Frost coordinates legislative matters at the state and federal levels, and provides direct technical assistance to municipalities that want to develop regulations to promote affordable housing. Previously he was employed as a Senior Planner with the NH Office of Energy and Planning, as the Executive Director of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, and as a planner and administrator in local and regional government in several states throughout the region.

Roger C. Hawk – Hawk Planning Resources, LLC, Concord

Mr. Hawk is the president of Hawk Planning Resources LLC, a planning consulting firm in Concord. In his 35 years of planning and community development experience, he has worked directly for several New Hampshire communities. His expertise spans the full range of municipal activities including master planning, smart growth management, zoning and development regulation, transportation planning, and community consensus building. He is actively involved in a number of professional and civic efforts including the recently completed land use and transportation work group of the Governor's Climate Change Task Force, the Concord Climate Action Committee, and he currently serves as president of the non-profit group Plan New Hampshire.

Amy Ignatius, Esq., Director – NH Office of Energy and Planning

In April 2006, Governor Lynch appointed Amy Ignatius to serve as Director of the Office of Energy and Planning for the State of New Hampshire. Prior to that position, Ms. Ignatius had been General Counsel to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. She had also been Executive Director of the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners, a regional organization coordinating the efforts of the six New England states' utility commissions on energy, communications and water policy.

Matt Monahan, Regional Planner - Central NH Regional Planning Commission, Concord

Mr. Monahan has been working in local planning since 2004. With Central NH Regional Planning Commission, he has worked in various capacities including circuit rider planner, economic development planner, and performing grant writing and master planning. He received his BA from Boston College in 2002, an MPA from UNH in 2004, and just recently completed an MA in Community Economic Development Policy at SNHU.

John (Jack) I. Munn, AICP, Chief Planner - Southern NH Planning Commission, Manchester

As Chief Planner with the Southern NH Planning Commission, Jack Munn has broadened and expanded the role of land use and environmental planning services to member communities throughout the region. He recently was awarded the 2008 Source Water Protection Award by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for his efforts in developing the Commission's *Regional Source Water Protection Initiative* and received certification from the NH Housing Finance Authority as a recognized consultant in inclusionary zoning. Mr. Munn is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Christopher Northrop, AICP, Principal Planner - NH Office of Energy and Planning, Concord

Chris Northrop has been a principal planner with the NH Office of Energy and Planning since 1996. Prior to working for the state, Northrop worked for the Town of Plymouth as the town's first Community Planner from 1987 until 1996. At the NH OEP, Mr. Northrop provides general information about planning and land use regulation, researches various planning topics and issues, distributes technical bulletins, handbooks and other materials; and administers the OEP website and the Plan-link listserv. Mr. Northrop was recently president of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association and secretary of the NH Planners Association from 1994 to 2001. He has accreditation as a certified planner from the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Carolyn Russell, Senior Environment and Land Use Planner – NH Department of Environmental Services, Concord

Carolyn Russell is a certified planner in the Office of the Commissioner at the NH Department of Environmental Services. She serves as the smart growth/land use coordinator for the agency, working with DES programs, other state and regional organizations, and municipalities to identify and promote land use patterns and development practices that protect natural resources and promote vibrant, healthy communities. Ms. Russell has 18 years of experience working on environmental policy issues and holds a M.A. in Economics from the University of Maryland.

Paul Sanderson, Esq., Staff Attorney - Local Government Center, Concord

Attorney Sanderson has been a Staff Attorney at Local Government Center since 2004 and was admitted to practice in Maine and New Hampshire since 1978. Municipal government experience includes service as a member of the planning boards of Kittery, ME and Greenland, NH, and a member of the zoning board of adjustment in Greenland, NH. In state government, Attorney Sanderson served as Hearings Examiner for the NH Department of Transportation. He has served as a trainer for the UNH T2 "Road Scholar" program on issues of road and access law, and together with other LGC attorneys, conducts frequent workshops on issues of municipal law for local officials in New Hampshire.

Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director – Rockingham Planning Commission, Exeter

Cliff Sinnott has been the Executive Director of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) since 1988. He previously worked for the agency between 1981 and 1985. Prior to becoming Director of the RPC, Mr. Sinnott was the Director of Research at the Technology Research Group Inc., a market research consulting company in Boston specializing in computer-aided design. He received his Bachelor's degree in English and Environmental Studies from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY and attended the Masters of Regional Planning program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Lorraine Stuart Merrill, Commissioner – NH Department of Agriculture, Concord

Lorraine Stuart Merrill is a dairy farmer and writer specializing in agriculture, business and the environment. She was a founding member of the New Hampshire Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture and has served on regional and national committees of the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, and as state committee chair of the USDA Farm Service Agency. She received a B.S. in Home Economics and Child & Family Studies, University of New Hampshire and was a Food & Society Policy Fellow 2007-08.

Christine Walker, Executive Director – Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Lebanon

Christine Walker is the Executive Director of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission serving 27 communities in the western part of the state. Before coming to the Upper Valley area she was a Planning Coordinator at the North Country Council in Bethlehem, NH for almost seven years. She has extensive grant writing experience and has a wide knowledge of planning issues. While at the North Country Council her main focus for many years was Economic Development planning working closely with the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Ms. Walker holds a BS from the School of Natural Resources at the University of Vermont.

Eric Williams, Assistant Administrator, Watershed Assistance Section – NH Department of Environmental Services, Concord

Eric Williams supervises the Watershed Assistance Section at the NH Department of Environmental Services, providing technical and financial assistance to watershed organizations, and managing the Regional Environmental Planning Program, working with the regional planning commissions on local and regional environmental planning projects. He has over 20 years of experience working as a planner at the local, regional, and state levels.

H. Bernard Waugh, Jr., Esq. – Gardner, Fulton, and Waugh, LLC, Lebanon

Attorney Waugh has been a member of the NH Bar Association since 1978. From 1985 to 2000 he was Chief Legal Counsel for the New Hampshire Municipal Association and has authored several booklets and articles on land use law. He is now a partner at Gardner Fulton & Waugh in Lebanon - a firm practicing exclusively municipal law, and serves as counsel for over 25 New Hampshire communities. He has sat on the Hanover ZBA since 1986 and from 1996 to 2000 he served on the Directorate for the APA's "Growing Smart" project.

